

Dear Sirs/Madams,

Please vote no on this bill! There is no market for rabbit meat!

Rabbits are popular pets!

HELP STOP THE SLAUGHTER OF THOUSANDS OF RABBITS

(Please note the revised email for your support statement: Cetestimony@cga.ct.gov)

There is a hearing Tuesday HB 5263, a bill to allow the processing of thousands of rabbits for food consumption. Essentially this Department of Agriculture's proposal will bring factory-like farming of rabbits to CT under the guise of promoting farming in the state.

Please write the Commerce Committee now and tell them NO on HB5263; be sure to include your name and address in the email. Send your email to Cetestimony@cga.ct.gov Use any of the points above or just send an email that asks them to vote no on HB 5263.

1- Rabbits are the third most common household pet after dogs and cats

2- Due to public pressure, Petco and PetSmart stopped selling pet rabbits.

They now only display rescue rabbits for adoption – the same treatment they give to dogs and cats.

3-Whole Foods and other specialty stores stopped selling rabbit meat after concluding there was no market for sales.

4-The multi-billion-dollar cosmetic industry has been moving away from using rabbits and other animals in their testing programs due to consumer pressure.

5-While the rest of the country has recognized and elevated rabbits as pets, CT is taking a step backward in proposing this initiative.

6-As Americans and the world move away from eating meat there is no need to produce more!

Thank you!

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